Eccentric Aspects of Life in Japan That Show It Is Truly Unlike Any Other Country

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Japan is, without a doubt, an extremely fascinating country. Famous for its natural wonders and cherry blossom trees as well as anime, sushi, and some extreme technological innovations, it is undeniable is that Japan is unlike any country in the world, and that's even before we dive into all the weird, otherworldly things they have going on. This country really is different, to say the least—and these next photos will prove it.

A Café With Robot Servers Controlled by the Physically Disabled

Japan is known for taking great care of its citizens....all of their citizens. That is exactly why no one is surprised to find a cafe in Japan that found a way to fill a huge void in the world of paralyzed people. They have replaced all of their waiters and waitresses with robot servers. What's the best part? The robots are controlled by employees who are paralyzed, giving the physically disabled an amazing job opportunity.

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Finding a source of income can be a serious challenge for people who have been paralyzed. Now, for those who are looking for work, this cafe in Japan is offering some fantastic options.

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Chronicling the Complicated Love Lives of Penguins

Everyone loves penguins. They're cute and lovable and apparently, quite complicated and emotional creatures as the Kyoto Aquarium can attest to. Instead of leaving their guests in the dark to the crazy world of penguin love lives, they have decided to create a flow chart explaining all the different dramas, romantic relationships, and breakups in the penguin world. And it looks like quite a read! Hopefully guests can appreciate the effort that went into making this.

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Who would have thought that penguins are so emotionally complicated? They should make an entire soap opera series around this drama.

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Those Are Some Perfectly Square Watermelons

Have you ever heard of a square watermelon? What might look like something out of a sci-fi movie is actually a real and common part of life in Japan. There is a company that specifically grows square watermelons. They are grown on the vine in a square box to ensure the perfect shape and size. They claim that it allows for much more convenient shipping, stacking, and refrigerator storage.

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It would be interesting to see what the best way to cut one of these square watermelons would be. There is no longer the possibility of smiling watermelon rind faces with the leftover pieces with these.

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Just 2 Days to Repair a Massive Sinkhole

Although it may not be surprising to see Japan struggling with massive sinkholes considering how prone the country is to experiencing earthquakes, very few people will not be shocked by how quickly they were able to repair it. It took them an impressive 2 days to fix this enormous sinkhole in Fukuoka City. Certainly a daunting task, this would no doubt takes weeks or months to completely fix in other countries.

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How did they even manage to gather all the materials fast enough to get started in just a few days? It's crazy to think that they were able to fix it entirely in such a short amount of time.

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Simple Way to Save Water

Taking the whole idea of 2 for 1 to an entirely new level, Japan has created the toilet sink. After using the bathroom you can simply wash your hands on the sink attached to the top of the toilet. The excess water that runs off from your hand washing is then saved and used for the next time the user flushes. This is a perfect way to reuse and eliminate water waste.

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Japan has managed to save millions of liters of water every year just by these innovative toilet sinks. The rest of the world should consider adopting them as well!

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Friendly Stranger at the Train Station

Imagine you're waiting at the train station. You arrived a little bit early and you have some time to spare. Instead of aimlessly wandering or sitting there impatiently waiting for your train to arrive, a man approaches you and asks you to play two-player Game Boy with him. Why not? You take the extra Game Boy he has and spend the next 30 minutes waiting for the train enjoyably.

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Of course there are fun stranger stories like this from all around the world, this is just one of the many from Japan.

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Bus Drivers Strike Without Causing the People to Suffer

Unfortunately, oftentimes, employees who go on strike are not only causing their employers to suffer through the pressure and lack of workers, but common folk are also impacted. In Japan, when the bus drivers decided to go on strike, they wanted to prevent life from becoming chaotic for the daily travelers who rely on bus service. Instead of ceasing services altogether, they went on strike by refusing to accept bus fare from the passengers while still continuing their usual daily routes.

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This strike idea makes sure that people can still travel as needed while causing the bus companies a huge loss of revenue in addition to high gas costs.

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The Man With the Flute and His Matching Dog

The city of Kyoto is known as the cultural heart of Japan. Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, and countless palaces and gardens are speckled throughout the city. Although they may not be included in the typical tourism books for the area, this dynamic duo is quite the fixture in the city. This man roams the city with his dog (in perfectly matching outfits) playing the flute to earn a little bit of extra cash.

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There's no denying that the dog in the adorable hat is perhaps one of the cutest things a person can see. The man's music is probably wonderful as well, but it's hard to not focus on the cute dog!

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A Special Respect for Nature

Most countries of the world have no issue simply bulldozing and destroying nature when it gets in the way of their plans. Trying to build a new shopping mall? Just destroy the entire forest that is "getting in the way". However, Japan has a different method. When a huge and beautiful tree was found in the path of the new road they were trying to build, instead of cutting it down, they chose to relocate it.

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